

CURRICULUM VITAE

Kristina Childs Fisher, Ph.D.

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CURRENT POSITION

2011

Assistant Professor
Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

EDUCATION

2008

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology

Dissertation: A Group-Based Approach to Examining the Association among Risky Sexual Behavior, Substance Use, and Criminal Involvement in a Sample of Newly Arrested Juvenile Offenders

Co-Chairs: Richard Dembo, Ph.D.

John K. Cochran, Ph.D.

2005

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Master of Arts, Criminology

Thesis: Self-Control, Gang Membership, and Victimization: An Integrated Approach to the Risk Factors of Violent Victimization

Chair: John K. Cochran, Ph.D.

2002

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Bachelor of Science, Psychology

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 - 2011

Post-Doctoral Fellow

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice (LaMfC).

2005 – 2008

Statistician

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA): STI/HIV Risk, Services, and Drug Use For Young Arrestees.

2005 – 2008

Research Assistant

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), CJ-DATS: A comparison of two re-entry strategies for drug abusing juvenile offenders.

2004 - 2005

Research Assistant

United States Department of Justice, Abt Associates, Inc.: National Evaluation of Youth Crime Watch, Tampa Bay, Florida Area.

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

* graduate student

Childs, K.K., & Frick, P.J. (online first). Age Differences in the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY), *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, DOI: 10.1080/14999013.2016.1152618.

Childs, K.K., Davidson, M.*, Rosky, J., & Potter, R.H. (2016). Exploring the structure of adolescent problem behaviors and the association among adult outcomes, *Deviant Behavior*, 37, 95-113.

Childs, K.K., Frick, P.J., & Gottlieb, K.* (2016). A test of the measurement invariance of the SAVRY across gender, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 14, 76-92.

Childs, K.K., & Ray, J.V. (2015). Race Differences in Patterns of Risky Behavior and Associated Risk Factors in Adolescence, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, DOI: 10.1177/0306624X15599401.

Krupa, J.*, & **Childs, K.K.** (2014). Examining the Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior among Females from Adolescence to Early Adulthood. *Laws*, 3, 651-673.

Childs, K.K. (2014). Exploring gender differences in constellations of problem behaviors and associated health-related factors during adolescence. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 27, 20-42.

Childs, K.K., Ryals, J., Frick, P.J., Lingbold, A.*, Villio, M. (2014). A Comparison of Empirically-based and Structured Professional Judgment Estimation of Risk using the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY), *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 12, 40-57.

Childs, K.K., Frick, P.J., Ryals, J., Lawing, K., Phillipi, S., Debrato, D. (2013). Examining the Validity of the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) for Predicting Probation Outcomes Among Adjudicated Juvenile Offenders, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 31, 256-270.

Childs, K.K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2013). Investigating the Underlying Structure and Stability of Problem Behaviors across Adolescence, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 40, 57-79.

Childs, K.K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Sullivan, C.J., & Cochran, J.K. (2011). A group-based approach to examining the association among problem behaviors in a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, 9, 313-332.

Marsee, M., Barry, C.T., **Childs, K.K.**, Frick, P., Kimonis, E.R., Munoz, L., Aucoin, K.J., Fassnacht, G.M., Kunimatsu, M.M., & Lau, K.S.L. (2011). Assessing the forms and functions of aggression in youth using self-report: Confirmatory factor analysis and evaluation of factorial invariance across sample and gender. *Psychological Assessment*, 23, 792-804.

Crapanzano, A.M., Frick, P.J., **Childs, K.K.**, & Terranova, A.M. (2011). Gender Differences in the Assessment, Stability, and Correlates to Bullying Roles in Middle School Children, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 29, 677-694.

Childs, K.K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2011). Individual and community level predictors of marijuana and cocaine use among a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders, *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 20, 114-134.

Childs, K., Cochran, J.K., & Gibson, C. (2010). Self-Control, gang membership, and violent victimization: An integrated approach. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 32, 35-54.

Childs, K., Sullivan, C., & Gullede, L. (2010). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. *Deviant Behavior*, 32, 64-100.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., **Childs, K.**, & Wareham, J. (2010). Gender differences in drug use, sexually transmitted diseases, and risky sexual behavior among arrested youths. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 19, 424-466.

Sullivan, C., **Childs, K.**, & O'Connell, D. (2010). Examination of the presence and implications of adolescent risk behavior subgroups. *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 35, 541-562.

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Rollie, M., **Childs, K.**, & Salvatore, C. (2009). Detecting, preventing, and treating sexually transmitted diseases among adolescent offenders: An unmet public health need. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99, 1032-1041.

Dembo, R., **Childs, K.**, Belenko, S., Schmeidler, J., & Wareham, J. (2009). Gender and racial differences in sexually transmitted diseases among justice-involved youth. *Neurobehavioral HIV Medicine*, 1, 9-24.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & **Childs, K.**, & Wareham, J. (2009). Drug use and sexually transmitted diseases among female and male arrested youths. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 32, 129-141.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., **Childs, K.**, Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2009). Individual and community risk factors and sexually transmitted diseases among arrested youths: A two-level analysis. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 32, 303-316.

Dembo, R., Wareham, J., Greenbaum, P., **Childs, K.**, & Schmeidler, J. (2009). Marijuana use among juvenile arrestees: A two-part growth model analysis. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 18, 379-397.

Wareham, J., Dembo, R., Poythress, N., **Childs, K.**, & Schmeidler, J. (2009). A latent class factor approach to identifying subtypes of juvenile diversion youths based on psychopathic features. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 27, 71-95.

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Weiland, D., Rollie, M., Salvatore, C., Hanlon, A., & **Childs, K.** (2008). Recently arrested adolescents are at high risk for sexually transmitted diseases. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 35, 758-763.

Lersch, K., Bazley, T., Mieczkowski, T. & **Childs, K.** (2008). Police use of force and neighborhood characteristics: An examination of structural disadvantage, crime, and resistance. *Policing and Society*, 18, 282-300.

Dembo, R., Jainchill, N., Turner, C., Fong, C., Farkas, S., & **Childs, K.** (2007). Levels of psychopathy and its correlates: A study of incarcerated youths in three states. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 25, 1-22.

Dembo, R., Schmeidler, J., & **Childs, K.** (2007). Correlates of male and female juvenile offender abuse experiences. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 16, 75-94.

Works in Progress

Lawing, K., Childs, K.K., Frick, P.J., Vincent, G. (revise and resubmit). Use of structured professional judgement by probation officers to predict risk in adolescent offenders, *Psychological Assessment*.

Stewart, C., Childs, K.K., & Soderstrom, M.S.* (under review). Similarities and differences in the effects of dispositional and social-environmental characteristics in adolescence on behaviors in early adulthood, *Youth & Society*.

Peck, J., Childs, K.K., & Jennings, W. (under review). General strain theory, depression, and substance use: Results from a nationally representative, longitudinal sample of White, African American, and Hispanic adolescents and young adults, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*.

Grants and Contracts

Total External Funding: \$1,171,827

Principal Investigator Funding: \$736,347

- 2015-2019 Kristina Childs (PI) and Kim Gryglewicz (Co-PI). The Seminole County System of Care Expansion Evaluation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Total award: \$4 million, UCF subcontract: \$356,542. SAMHSA award # SM059935.
- 2015-2018 Kim Gryglewicz (PI) and Kristina Childs (Co-PI). Central Florida Pathways to Awareness, Support, and Services (C-Pass). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$374,999, SAMHSA award # SM061047.
- 2014-2017 Kristina Childs (PI), Gryglewicz (Co-PI), and Roberto Hugh Potter (Co-PI). Brevard County Public Schools Climate and Safety Study, National Institute of Justice, Total Amount: \$3.2 million, UCF subcontract amount: \$305,826. NIJ Award # 2014-CK-BX-0014.
- 2014-2015 Kristina Childs (PI). Know the Law Campaign. Orange County Government, \$10,500.
- 2012-2016 Kristina Childs (PI). Meet the Judge Program. Orange County Government, \$56,479.
- 2012-2013 Kristina Childs (PI). Understanding the Structure of Adolescent Problem Behaviors, College of Health and Public Affairs, \$7,000.
- 2011-2013 Paul J. Frick (PI) and Kristina Childs (Co-PI). Evaluating the Outcome of the State of Louisiana Models for Change Program: System Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Total Amount: \$200,000, UCF contract: \$60,481. Grant #11-98149-000-USP.

Edited Books

Lynch, M.J., Patterson, E.B. & Childs, K. (Eds.) (2008). *Racial divide: Race, ethnicity, and criminal justice*. Criminal Justice Press: Monsey, NY.

Invited Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

Childs, K.K. (in press). Girls and Juvenile Courts. In F.B. Bernat & K. Fralling (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

Sullivan, C.J., Childs, K.K., & Gann, S. (in press). Peers. In D. Farrington, L. Kazemian, & A. Piquero (Eds). *Oxford Handbook of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Ray, J. & Childs, K.K. (2015). Juvenile Diversion. In M. Krohn and J. Lane (Eds.), *Handbook on Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

Childs, K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2012). Problem behavior syndrome. *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. New York: Springer Publishing.

Technical Reports

* graduate student

Childs, K.K. (2014). Indicators of success: Developing system and youth outcomes measures for juvenile justice agencies. Innovation Brief, Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2013). University partnerships as a strategy for promoting data-drive decision making in juvenile justice. Innovation Brief, Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., Frick, P., & Krupa, J.* (2013). A Summary of the Louisiana Models for Change (LaMfC) Data Deliverables: 2006-2011. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2012). An Interim Summary of the Louisiana Models for Change (LaMfC) Data Deliverables: 2006-2010. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., Ryals, J., Frick, P.J., & Phillipi, S. (2011). Jefferson Parish Youth Outcomes Study. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2011). An Interim Summary of the Louisiana Models for Change (LaMfC) Data Deliverables: 2006-2009. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2010). An Interim Summary of the Louisiana Models for Change (LaMfC) Data Deliverables: 2006-2008. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Lawing, K.*, Childs, K., & Frick, P. (2009). Review of 2008 Jefferson Parish Informal FINS Files. Louisiana Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

* graduate student

Childs, K.K., & Frick, P.J. (2015). An exploratory assessment of structured professional judgements and the predictive validity of the SAVRY. American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Childs, K.K., & Ray, J.V. (2015). Race Differences in Patterns of Risky Behavior and Associated Risk Factors in Adolescence. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Childs, K.K., Magers, M.*, Rosky, J., & Potter, R.H. (2013). Exploring the structure of adolescent problem behaviors and the association adult outcomes. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Krupa, J.*, & Childs, K. (2013). Examining Trajectories of Delinquent Behavior among Females from Adolescence to Early Adulthood. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Ryals, J.S., Villio, M. (2013). A comparison of empirically-based and structured professional judgment estimation of the risk using the SAVRY. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.

Frick, P.J., Childs, K., Villio, M., & Clemont, K. (2013). Useful data is not an oxymoron: Practical uses of data in juvenile justice decision-making. Louisiana Juvenile Justice: Leveraging Success for Future Reform, Baton Rouge, LA.

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Ryals, J. (2012). Examining the validity of the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) instrument in predicting probation outcomes. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Childs, K., & Ryals, J. (2011). Linking SAVRY scores to youth outcomes in Jefferson Parish, LA. 6th Annual Models for Change National Conference, Washington D.C.

Childs, K., Frick, P.J., Winfree, J., & Adams, L. (2011). Recommendations for a model data collection policy for Informal FINS. Louisiana FINS Commission, Baton Rouge, LA.

Siegel, G., Childs, K., & Bolin, D. (2010). Building a solid organization with data-driven decision-making. 5th Annual Models for Change National Conference, Washington D.C.

Childs, K., & Vander, J. (2010). Becoming a "data-driven" organization. Joint Northeast Judicial Juvenile Justice Summit, Monroe, LA.

Childs, K., & Bolin, D. (2010). Using data effectively in your daily operations. 30th Annual Louisiana Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice, New Orleans, LA.

Childs, K. & Bolin, D. (2010). Building a solid organization with data-driven decision-making. Louisiana District Attorney's Association Summit on Juvenile Justice, Baton Rouge, LA.

Childs, K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Sullivan, C.J., & Cochran, J.K. (2009). A group-based approach to understanding the association among risky sexual behavior, drug use, and criminal involvement in a sample of newly arrested juvenile offenders. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Frick, P., & Childs, K. (2009). The importance of data and the use evidence-based practices to district attorneys. Louisiana District Attorney's Association Juvenile Justice Training, Baton Rouge, LA.

Sullivan, C.J., Childs, K., & O'Connell, D. (2009). Examination of the presence and implications of adolescent risk behavior subgroups. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA.

Childs, K., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2008). Individual and community risk factors and sexually transmitted diseases among arrested youths: A two-level analysis. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Childs, K. (2008). Drug use and sexually transmitted diseases among female and male arrested youths. American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Childs, K. (2007). Sexually transmitted infections and drug involvement: Interrelated public health problems among high risk youths. (Poster). American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Childs, K., Wareham, J., & Schmeidler, J. (2007). Family member criminality and delinquent behavior: A growth model of parallel processes. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Gulledge, L., Childs, K., & Sullivan, C. (2007). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Childs, K., Pich, M., & Lee, P. (2006). Sexually transmitted infections among delinquents: Preliminary prevalence findings among drug users and nondrug users. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Childs, K., Gulledge, L., & Lynch, M. (2006). Environmental justice in Hillsborough County, FL: An analysis of crime, race, income, and CERCLIS sites. (Poster). American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Dembo, R., Wareham, J., & Childs, K. (2006). Delinquent behavior trajectories among escalating and desisting youths in a high-risk sample. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Childs, K., & Gibson, C. (2005). Low self-control, lifestyles, and violent victimization: Considering the mediating and moderating effects of gang involvement. American Society of Criminology, Toronto, ON.

Thomason, L., Childs, K., & Sellers, C. (2005). Social control and social learning: An integrated approach to gang membership and delinquent behavior. (Poster). American Society of Criminology, Toronto, ON.

TEACHING

Course Taught

University of Central Florida

Criminal Justice Research in the Community (doctoral)

Crime in America (undergraduate)

Criminal Justice Systems (undergraduate)

Research Methods (undergraduate, graduate)

Data Analysis (undergraduate)

Loyola University – New Orleans

Ethics in Criminal Justice (undergraduate)

Theories of Criminal Behavior (graduate)

University of South Florida

Juvenile Justice (undergraduate)

UCF Dissertation Committees

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| Chair | Kelly Vannan, exp. Summer 2017, Public Affairs Program Katherine Gomez, exp. Summer 2017, Public Affairs Program Katy Hancock, completed Summer 2014, Public Affairs Program |
| Committee Member | Kimberly Kampe, exp. Summer 2017, Public Affairs Program |
| Outside Committee Member | William Watkins, completed Spring 2012, Sociology Department Colleen Cicale, exp. Fall 2016, Public Affairs Program |

Masters Thesis Committees

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| Outside Committee Member | Katie Gottlieb, Summer 2013, University of New Orleans |
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Undergraduate Honors in the Major Committees

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| Committee Member | Vijay Chiller, Spring 2014 |
| Outside Committee Member | Jerian Benwell-Lybarger, Spring 2012, Sociology Department Amber Kraus, Spring 2013, Sociology Department Kathleen Ortiz, Spring 2013, Sociology Department Katelynn Messer, Spring 2013, Sociology Department Meghan Bejarano, Spring 2014, Sociology Department |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Editorial Board Member | Race & Justice |
| Guest Editor (with RH.Potter) | “Developing and Sustaining Collaborative Research Partnerships with Universities and Criminal Justice Agencies,” <i>Criminal Justice Studies</i> , 2014, Vol. 27 (3). |
| Ad Hoc Reviewer | <i>Justice Quarterly, Journal of Crime & Justice, Crime & Delinquency, Journal of Criminal Justice, Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice, Victims & Offenders, Youth & Society, Criminal Justice Studies, Race & Justice</i> |
| American Society of Criminology | Substance Abuse Section Chair, 2015 |
| Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences | Academic Fellow Award, Selection Committee Member, 2016 |
| Department of Criminal Justice | Graduate Affairs, 2102 – present Faculty Search Committee, 2012 – 2013, 2014-2015 Juvenile Justice Core Curriculum, 2014 - present Doctoral Program Core Curriculum, 2014 - present Undergraduate Research Methods/Data Analysis Committee, 2016 Doctoral Program Committee, 2015-present |
| COHPA | Graduate Coordinator, Public Affairs Ph.D. Program, Criminal Justice Track, 2012 – 2014 |
| University of Central Florida | Judge, UCF Graduate Student Research Symposium, 2012, 2014 |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COHPA Research Fellow

AY 2013-2014

IDL 6543

Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology-Mediated Course
Delivery, Spring 2012

CONSULTATION

Consultant. "Louisiana Models for Change Data-Driven Decision-Making," Institute for Public Health and Justice, subcontract amount \$27,517, November 2013 – April 2015.

Consultant. "2010 Referrals to the Informal FINS Program in Louisiana," Louisiana Supreme Court, \$5,000, July 2011 – September 2011.

Consultant. "Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Assessment Study of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) with the Louisiana Juvenile Justice System," Grant awarded to GCR, Consulting from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, subcontract amount \$26,000, May 2010-July 2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences